THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir (Source: FAO).

(d) Some of the reasons for India's measly share of fruits and vegetables in global markets are the sector being largely unorganized, inappropriate pre and post harvest practices and lack of relevant infrastructure.

Upgradation of infrastructure

500. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared a Rs. 675 crore scheme for the upgradation of infrastructure in industrial locations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the industrial areas selected for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has cleared the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) which is a new scheme. It is a Central Sector Scheme with a provision of Rs. 675 crore in the Tenth Plan to be implemented by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. Objective of the scheme is to enhance international competitiveness of th· domestic industry by providing quality infrastructure through public-·· ate partnership approach in selected functional clusters/locations.

The scheme will be implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle ·V) formed by the cluster industry association which will carry out the b· siness of developing, operating and maintaining the infrastructure facility c· ated in the industrial locations.

The scheme would provide for: Physical infrastructure (water, transport, road, communication), Common Facilities for fuel/gas supply system effluent treatment, solid waste disposal, product design, captive power generation, Information and Communication Technology

Infrastructure (ICT) support, and any other physical infrastructure identified by the cluster association, and approved by the Apex Committee.

The Central assistance will be restricted to 75% of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 crore. The remaining 25% will be financed by other stakeholders of the respective cluster/location with a minimum industry contribution of 15% of total project cost. Administrative expenses will be restricted to 3% of the central assistance in the project.

The industrial areas will be identified and approved for development by an inter-Ministerial APEX Committee.

Infrastructural facilities

†501. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to uplift the infrastructural facilities to increase the competition among the domestic industries;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the amount proposed to be allotted under the scheme; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. To enhance the competitiveness of the Indian industry and remove infrastructural constraints, the Government has approved a central sector scheme in the name of Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) with a provision of Rs. 675 crore in the Tenth Plan.

Objective of the scheme is to enhance international competitiveness of the domestic industry by providing quality infrastructure through public-private partnership approach in selected functional clusters/locations.

The scheme will be implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed by the cluster/industry association which will carry out the business of developing, operating and maintaining the infrastructure facility created in the industrial locations.

The scheme would provide for: Physical infrastructure (water,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.